

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 and 43-51 were pending in the present application prior to this response. Claims 27-31 are allowed. Claims 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16-26, 32-35 and 43-51 are rejected. Claims 6, 7, 13, and 15 are objected. Claims 1, 7, 8, 14, and 15 have been amended herein. Claims 6, 13, 17-26, and 32-56 have been canceled. Reconsideration of the rejections of all claims is requested.

Claim 6 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim (claim 1). The elements of claim 6 have been incorporated into claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable.


Claim 13 was also rejected as being dependent on a rejected base claim (claim 8). The elements of claim 13 have been incorporated into claim 8. Therefore, claim 8 is allowable.

The remaining rejected claims have been cancelled herein.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants request reconsideration of all rejected claims.

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